# Quadratic Classification

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#### Classification

- Given an object, tell which class it belongs to
- Step -
  - Learn from training objects with class labels
  - Classifying testing objects without class labels
- Assumption Each class of object follow a probability distribution with some parameters
- Machine learning theory guarantees small training error leads to small testing error
- The object of classifying algorithm is thus minimizing training error

#### **Notations**

- *c* number of classes
- D − training data
- $D_i$  subset of training data with elements belonging to class i
- N,  $n_i$  size of D and  $D_i$
- x, y feature vector and class label representing a training object
- $\hat{y}$  underground class label
- $\theta_i$  parameters of the probability distribution of class i
- $\widehat{\theta_i}$  maximum likelihood estimator for  $\theta_i$

## Minimum Error (Testing)

- Consider 2 classes. Given training data D, to classify a testing object x
- $P(error|x) = \begin{cases} 1 P(y_1|x,D) \text{ , if we choose } y = 1 \\ 1 P(y_2|x,D) \text{ , if we choose } y = 2 \end{cases}$
- Hence, choose class 1 if  $P(y_1|x,D) > P(y_2|x,D)$
- Minimizing error rate is equivalent to maximizing  $P(y|\mathbf{x},D)$ , posterior probability

• 
$$P(y_i|x,D) = \frac{P(x|y_i,D)P(y_i|D)}{P(x,D)} = \frac{P(x|y_i,D_i)P(y_i)}{P(x,D)}$$

- Independence :  $D_i$ ,  $j \neq i$  gives no more information to  $P(x|y_i, D_i)$
- Independence : D,  $y_i$  are independent
- We need to estimate  $P(x|y_i, D)$  and  $P(y_i)$  for i = 1, 2, ..., c

#### Estimation of Parameters(Training)

- need to estimate  $P(x|y_i, D)$  and  $P(y_i)$  for i = 1, 2, ..., c
- $P(y_i) = \frac{n_i}{N}$
- $P(\mathbf{x}|y_i, D_i) = \int P(\mathbf{x}|\theta_i, D_i)P(\theta_i|D_i)d\theta_i = \int P(\mathbf{x}|\theta_i)P(\theta_i|D_i)d\theta$
- $P(\theta_i|D_i) = \frac{P(D_i|\theta_i)P(\theta_i)}{P(D_i)}$
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation(MLE) : estimate  $\widehat{\theta_i} = \arg_{\theta} \max_{\theta} P(D|\theta_i)$  and let  $P(\theta_i|D_i) = \delta_{\widehat{\theta_i}}(\theta) \Rightarrow P(x|y_i,D_i) = P(x|\theta_i)$
- Bayesian estimation :  $P(\theta_i|D_i) = \frac{P(D_i|\theta_i)P(\theta_i)}{P(D_i)} = \alpha \{\Pi_{k=1}^{n_i}P(x_k|\theta_i)\}P(\theta_i)$
- If both  $P(\theta_i)$  and  $P(x|\theta_i)$  are Gaussian, then  $P(\theta_i|D_i)$  is Gaussian

#### Maximum Likelihood Estimation(Training)

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- Estimate  $\widehat{\theta}_i = \arg_{\theta} \max_{\theta} P(D|\theta_i)$  and let  $P(\theta_i|D_i) = \delta_{\widehat{\theta}_i}(\theta)$
- Define log-likelihood function  $l(\theta_i) \equiv lnP(D_i|\theta_i) = \Sigma_{k=1}^n \ln P(x_k|\theta_i)$

• 
$$\widehat{\theta_i} = \arg_{\theta_i} \max_{l(\theta_i) = > \nabla_{\theta_i} l(\widehat{\theta_i}) = 0}$$
 where  $\nabla_{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_I} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_d} \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Maximum Likelihood Estimation(Training)

- Consider normal distribution for each class  $P(x|\theta_i) = N(x|\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$
- $l(\theta_i) = \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} lnN(x_k | \mu_i, \Sigma_i) = \frac{n_i}{2} ln |\Sigma| + \frac{-1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (x_k \mu_i)^T \Sigma_i^{-1} (x_k \mu_i) + constant$
- Taking the derivative over  $\mu_i$  and set it to zero :
- $\sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} (x_i \mu_i) = 0$
- $\bullet \ \widehat{\mu_i} = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} x_i$

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Training)

• 
$$l(\theta_i) = \frac{n_i}{2} ln |\Sigma| + \frac{-1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (x_k - \mu_i)^T \sum_{i=1}^{-1} (x_k - \mu_i) + constant$$
  

$$\propto \frac{n_i}{2} ln |\Sigma| + \frac{-1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} Trace \left( \sum_{k=1}^{-1} (x_k - \mu_i)^T (x_k - \mu_i) \right)$$

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• Taking the derivative over  $\Sigma_i$  and set it to zero using

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2)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} Tr(\Sigma A) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma} Tr(A\Sigma) = A^{T}$ 

$$\bullet \ \widehat{\Sigma}_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} (x_k - \widehat{\mu}_i) (x_k - \widehat{\mu}_i)^T$$

#### Discriminant Function (Testing)

• Suppose we model distribution of each class as multivariate Gaussian and estimate the mean  $\mu_i$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma_i$  by MLE

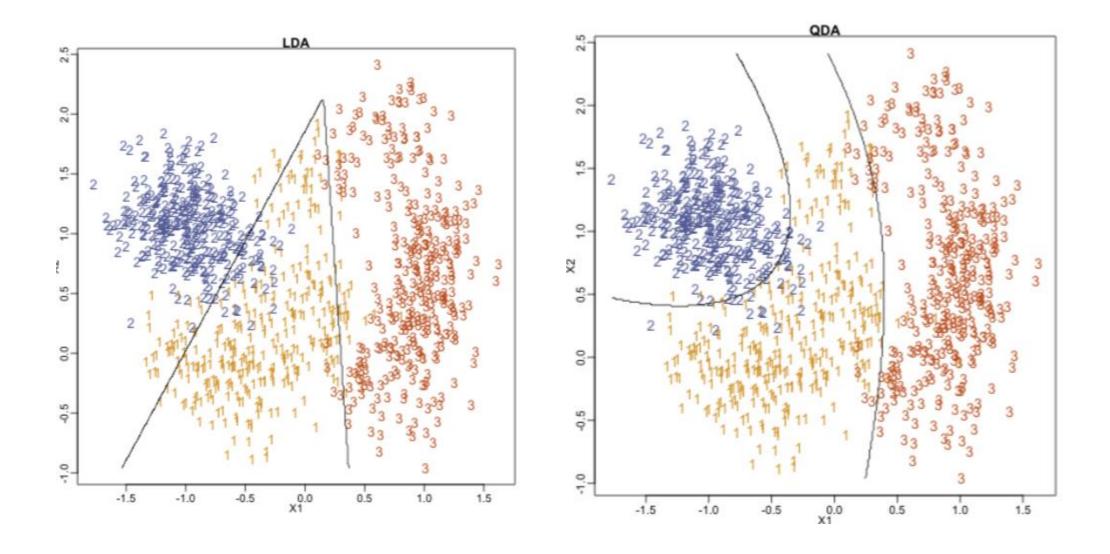
• 
$$P(y_i|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{x}|\widehat{\theta_i})P(y_i)}{P(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{N(\mathbf{x}|\widehat{\mu_i},\widehat{\Sigma_i})P(y_i)}{P(\mathbf{x})}$$

- Choose class i if  $P(y_i|x,D) > P(y_j|x,D)$  for  $j \neq i$
- Define discrimination function  $\delta_{ij}(x) = \ln(P(y_i|x,D)/P(y_j|x,D))$
- Choose i instead of j if  $\delta_{ij}(x)>0$

## Discriminant Function (Testing)

- Discrimination function  $\delta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = \ln(P(y_i|\mathbf{x},D)/P(y_j|\mathbf{x},D))$  determines the boundary for class i and j
- If we assume  $\widehat{\Sigma_{\mathbf{i}}} = \Sigma$  for  $i=1,2,\ldots,c$
- $\delta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = (\widehat{\mu_i} \widehat{\mu_0})^T \widehat{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \frac{1}{2} (\widehat{\mu_j} \widehat{\mu_i})^T \widehat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\widehat{\mu_j} \widehat{\mu_i}) + \ln \frac{P(y_i)}{P(y_j)}$ =  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w_0}$  -> linear discernment function
- If we assume different  $\widehat{\Sigma}_i = \Sigma$  for i = 1, 2, ..., c
- $\delta_{ij}(x)$  will be quadratic function of x -> quadratic discernment function

## Discriminant Function (Testing)



#### Conclusion

- A traditional algorithm but has not bad performance
- Chinese handwritten recognition with Gabor filter feature

QDA	0.8724
Neural Network	0.8870
SVM	0.918945